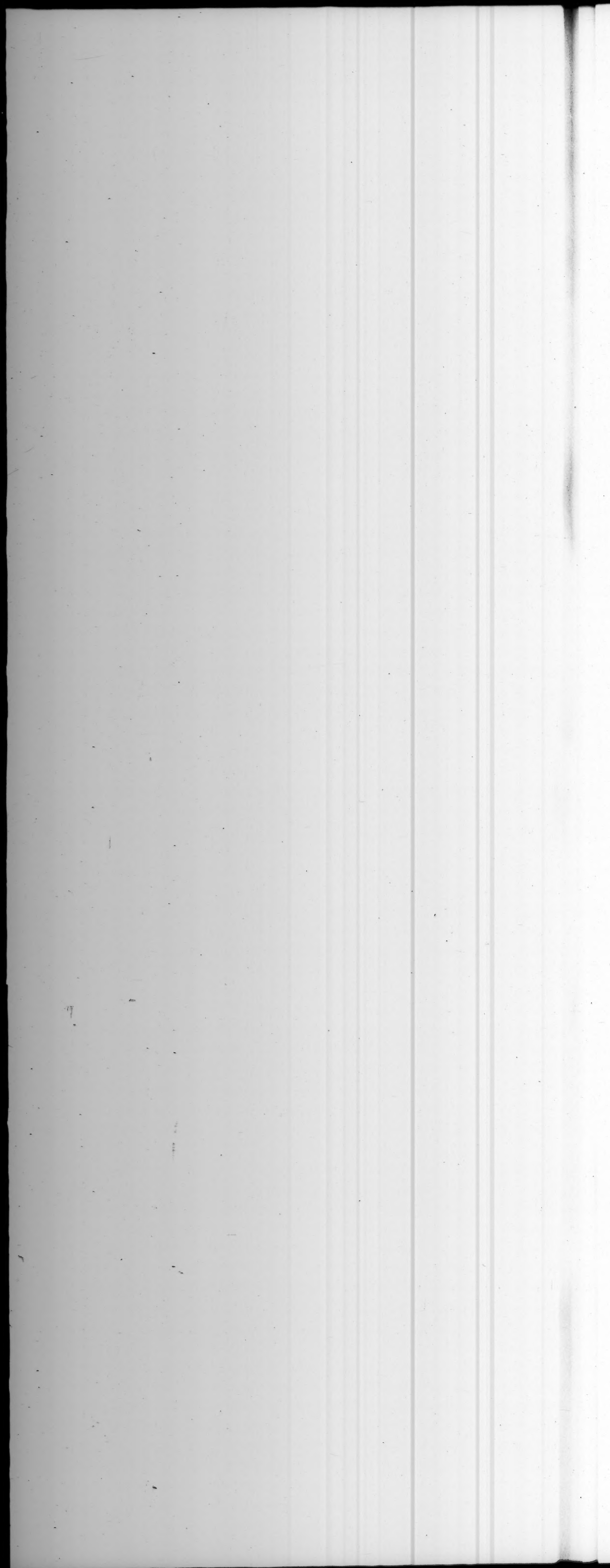


By the King.

A Proclamation prohibiting the Buying and Selling of any of His Maiesties Armes or Munition, and to reforme the Abuses committed at Musters and Traynings by borrowing of Armes.



He Kings most Excellent MAIESTIE, taking into His Princely consideration, the frequent abuses complained of by the Officers of his Maiesties Armozie, and Stores, aswel in purloyning as in chopping and changing of Armes, deliuered out of his Stores for Land and Sea Service. And likewise being informed of an abuse, no lesse frequent at Musters and Traynings in all the Countiees of these his Realmes and Dominions, aswell by borrowing Armes of the severall Countiees one from another, as also by borrowing Armes of the severall divisions in each Countie one from another, by meanes whereof his Maiesties Honour and Service, is impaired, and the safety and defence of his Kingdomes and People may be much endangered, for want of necessary Armes and Munition, vpon any sudden occasion; his Maiestie therefore, for a timely remedy thereof, and for preventing of the like in the future, hath, by the aduice of his pryncie Counsell thought fit, and appointed, that all Muskets, and other Armes to be hencefoorth issued out of his Maiesties Stores for Land Service, shall be marked with the Marke of C. R. and for Sea Service, with the Marke of C. R. and an Anchor. And his Maiestie doeth hereby strictly charge, prohibite and command, that no person or persons whatsoever, shall hereafter presume, attempt, or goe about to sell or buy any of his Maiesties Armes or Munition whatsoever, vpon paine of incurring his Maiesties high displeasure, and the severest punishment, that by the Lawes and Statutes of this his Maiesties Realme of England, or by his Maiesties



Prerogative Royal can, or may be inflicted upon the Offenders, for their contempt and disobedience in this behalfe.

And to the intent that the sayd abuse of borrowing of Armes, either by severall Counties, or by severall Divisions in one and the same County, may likewise be prevented, His Maiesties expresse pleasure is, and he doeth hereby straitly charge and command, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, shall hereafter borrow any Armes or Munition, to bee vsed or employed at any publique Musters or Trainings, in any Countie, or Division of County, of this His Maiesties Realme of England, or Dominion of Wales, but that euery person and persons, shall from time to time furnish him and themselves, with such Armour, Weapons, and Munition, as is, or shall be by the Lord Lieutenants, & deputy Lieutenants of each County, respectively appointed & assessed; And for the better effecting hereof, His Maiestie doth hereby charge and command the said Lord Lieutenants and deputie Lieutenants of each County respectively, to cause a severall distinct Marke to be set and stampt vpon all the Armes of each Countie, whereby the same may be distinguished from the Armes of other Counties, and likewise to cause severall distinct Markes to bee stampt vpon the Armes of the severall Divisions, and Bands of each County, whereby the Armes of one Division and Band, may be knownen from another, that thereby all parts of these His Maiesties Realmes and Dominions, may bee fitly and sufficiently stored with Armes and Munition, both for defence, and offence, as occasion shall require.

And His Maiesty doth hereby charge and command, aswell all the Officers of His Maiesties Ordnance and Armoury, for that which concerneth them, as all Lord Lieutenants, and deputy Lieutenants, and all others to Whom it shall or may appertaine, to take speciall care, to see this His Maiesties pleasure put in due execution accordingly.

Given at His Maiesties Court at White-Hall, this ninth day of March in the third yeere of His Maiesties Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.
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